

Graham Preaches To 510,000, Probable All-Time Record

SEOUL, Korea — With an estimated 510,000 in attendance, Billy Graham preached to the largest congregation in his career and probably the largest ever to assemble to hear the proclamation of the Christian Gospel.

The throng was gathered for the opening service of the evangelist's five-day crusade at Yoido Plaza in Seoul.

Estimating the attendance were officials of the local crusade organizing committee.

Graham's previous record audience was nearly 200,000 in Rio de

Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960. That meeting was in a stadium. The new record was set on a paved plaza used in recent times for military parades. Koreans sat tightly huddled together against a cool wind.

Most of those who came to the initial crusade event (Wednesday night Korea time) walked from homes many miles away. Yoido is an island in the Han River, and there is limited parking space. The evangelist reminded the Koreans that thousands of them crossed Han River bridges a quarter of a century ago in their flight from communist aggressors.

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SO BAPT HIS SOCIETY

"Tonight," he declared, "many of you have crossed a bridge to come here to find another kind of freedom."

Graham said, "Spiritual freedom is the greatest freedom of all." When he invited seekers to stand to indicate that they were trusting Jesus Christ for spiritual freedom, thousands stood.

The Seoul Crusade climaxes a nationwide evangelistic effort by Graham team members and Korean Christians.

Meetings conducted by associate evangelists in provincial cities carried accumulated attendance of over one million.

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President Nixon Is Urged To Widen Range Of Contacts

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — An editorial to be published in the July issue of *Church & State* magazine urges President Nixon to widen the range of his contacts.

The editorial contends that "the unfortunate Watergate mess contains some important lessons.

New Worker Named For State WMU

Miss Marilyn Hopkins, a native of California and a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, with a Master of Religious Education degree, has accepted the position of Acteens Director in the State Baptist Women's Missionary Union, Jackson, Miss. Hopkins effective June 4.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in making the announcement, said that Miss (Continued on page 2)

One of these, certainly, is that President Nixon has permitted himself to become isolated from groups that might have been of help in averting the disaster that struck him."

Church & State points out that the President has consistently refused to see the United Methodist bishop of Washington, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, the state clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, the president of the United Church of Christ, the secretary of the World Council of Churches, and the president of the National Council of Churches.

These refusals climaxed in the recent refusal of President Nixon to have even a brief meeting with the bishops of the United Methodist Church who were holding a meeting in the nation's capital.

Church & State said: "It would have been a natural and gracious gesture for the nation's chief executive to see the leaders of this 10 million member church. The bishops were coldly rejected."

The magazine recalled that the last time the Methodist bishops assembled in Washington for their meeting (in 1968) President Dwight Eisenhower was their host at the White House.

Church & State asserted that "come to think about it, Mr. Nixon is the first president that Americans United

leaders have been unable to visit.

This, despite the fact that the President has consistently made himself available to those who favor a union of church and state. When a President permits himself to be isolated and insulated as President Nixon has done, he can expect this kind of result.

Better open the White House doors a little wider and a little oftener, Mister President."

19 R.A.'s To Get Service Awards

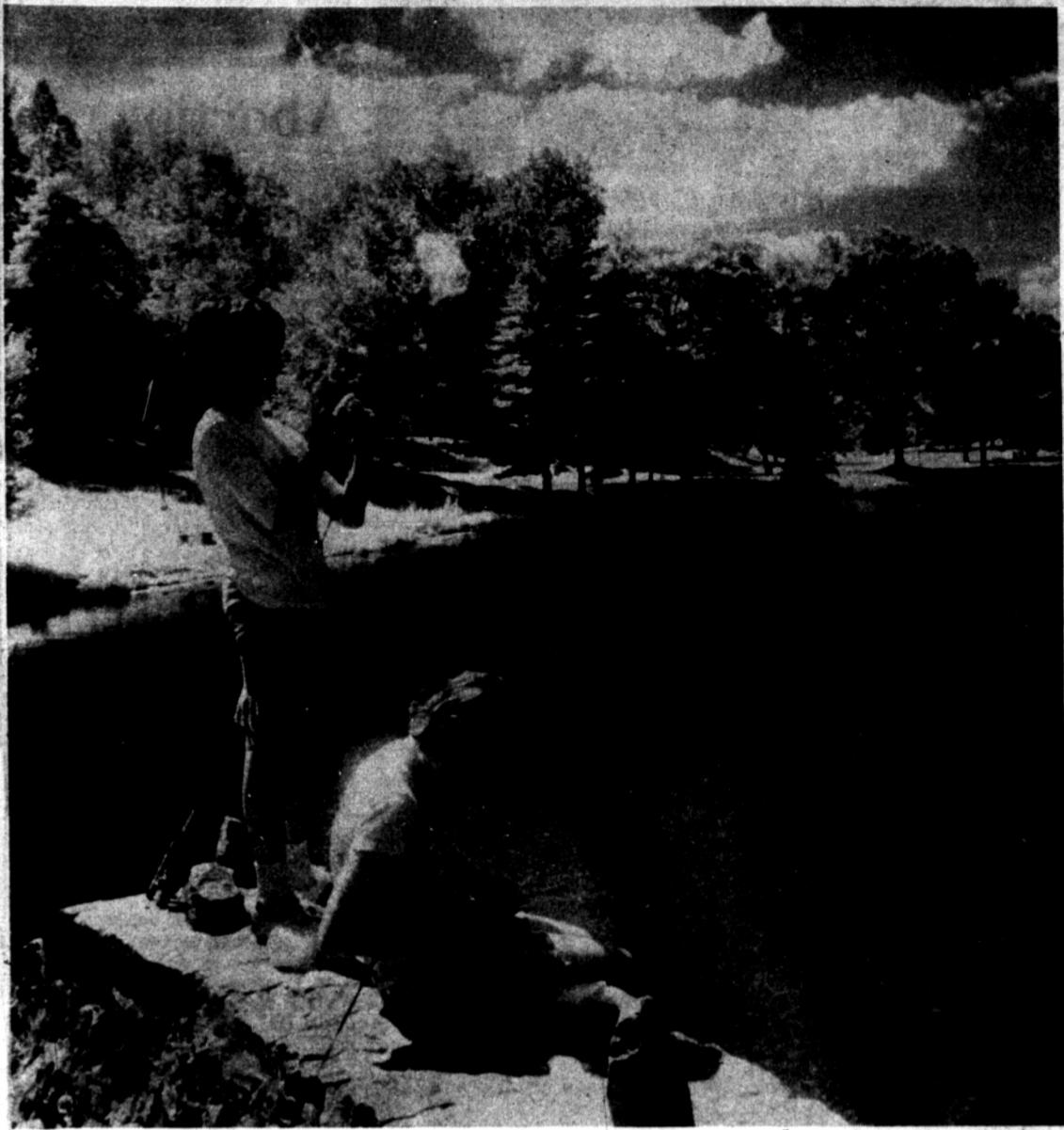
PORTLAND (BP) — Seventeen Royal Ambassadors will be recognized by Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper during the denomination's annual convention here June 13.

Each of the Royal Ambassadors, members of the missions-education organization for boys, has earned the Ambassador Service National Award which represents 750 hours of volunteer service through a local church.

Three of the boys will be in Portland to receive a national award plaque from the SBC president.

The recipients to be recognized on the Convention platform are Boyd Lynn Worthey of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pasco, Washington; and John Bob Gilbert and Phillip Johnson of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

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SUMMER'S CHILDREN

Some things change, like the leaves on the trees or the seasons of the year, but the timeless harmony of children and Summer remains constant. Two boys are captured on infra-red film as they squeeze in a

few more moments of fun before school interrupts their relationship with the season. (RNS Photo by J. Charles Gardner.)

Abortion Ruling Is Hit On Two Fronts In Congress

WASHINGTON (BP) — Congressional forces seeking to overturn the abortion decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court moved on two fronts on capitol hill.

The House of Representatives passed overwhelmingly an amendment that would allow tax-supported institutions to prohibit the performance of abortions and sterilizations. A similar measure was approved by the Senate in late March, also with a lopsided vote.

The amendments in both houses were part of an extension for the

Public Health Services Act.

On the second front six senators introduced a constitutional amendment to protect "the right to life" at every stage of biological development.

Sen. James L. Buckley (R., N.Y.), chief sponsor of the measure, said the terms of the amendment would specifically establish that "unborn children are persons" within the meaning of the U.S. Constitution.

Under such terms abortions would be illegal, except as the proposed amendment allows, when the woman's life is in danger.

The Buckley amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. "With respect to the right to life, the word 'person,' as used in

this article and in the Fifth and Fourteenth Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, applies to all human beings, including their unborn offspring at every stage of their biological development, irrespective of age, health, function or condition of dependency."

Section 2. "This article shall not apply in an emergency when a reasonable medical certainty exists that continuation of the pregnancy will cause the death of the mother."

If such an amendment passes Congress, it would become valid after ratification by the legislatures of three-fourth of the states within seven years.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, noted serious church-state issues in the legislation now approved in both Houses of Congress.

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Baptist Leader

Watergate Lessons Pictured

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Baptist leader in the nation's capital declared that the greatest lesson of the "Watergate affair" may be that "without political morality there is neither law nor order and national decay is assured."

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in the June issue of *Report from the Capital*, monthly bulletin of the committee, wrote on "Lessons from Watergate."

"Never before in American politics have so many high-ranking presidential assistants and men of cabinet rank been charted with so much political scandal as now faces those from the present administration," Wood said.

He pointed out that the present scandal far exceeds others that occurred in the past.

Dwight D. Eisenhower:

"Unlike the Watergate scandal," Wood said, "each of the scandals of these earlier administrations arose from allegations having to do with acts of bribery or the exercise of political influence for economic gain on the part of the persons accused."

On the other hand, he continued, "the charges growing out of the Watergate case are far more serious, not only in terms of the felonies committed, but also in that Watergate suggests acts of political sabotage and the use of raw political power to influ-

ence a presidential election, including the exercise of political power by undemocratic, unethical, and illegal means for political ends."

Among the lessons learned from Watergate, Wood said that "public knowledge of the Watergate scandal was made possible by the guarantees of the American Bill of Rights, specifically freedom of the press." He praised "the dogged determination carried out by the free press" as it made known the Watergate scandal to the public.

"For this meritorious service, all Americans of whatever political persuasion, who prize democracy and the free society, must be profoundly grateful. Without the guarantees of the First Amendment, the Watergate scandal most likely would never have become known to the electorate," he

Wood said.

Rev. Charles Gordon, assistant pastor in education; Mrs. Anton Rhodes, Night BW president. Not present: Mrs. Wayne McDonald, Girls in Action director.

First, Crystal Springs, Is First In State To Reach 'Giant Step'

The first group to reach the "Giant Step" goals in Mississippi was First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, Rev. A. Estus Mason, pastor, and Mrs. Ray

Grillot, WMU Director.

"Giant Step" is a grand design for increasing WMU membership, WMU

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Leaders and officers of First Church, Crystal Springs and its WMU which has become the first in the state to reach "Giant Step" recognition are seen from left: Mrs. Odell Greer, Acteens director; Mrs. Emmett Farmer, Morning BW president; Rev. Estus Mason, pastor; Mrs. Ray Grillot, WMU director; Mrs. Charles Savell, Mission Friends Director; Mrs. Cecil

STATE BAPTIST PASTOR IS ROBBED ENROUTE TO NEW YORK CHURCH

TRENTON, Ga. (BP) — A Mississippi Baptist pastor enroute to assume a new pastorate in New York was robbed of most of his possessions when someone drove off with the U-Haul truck he was using to move his household goods.

John Barnett of Hattiesburg, Miss., and his family had spent the night at a motel here with the rental truck parked outside the room. At 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, one of Barnett's sons went to get some clothes from the truck and discovered it was gone. Police found the abandoned truck, empty of all Barnett's possessions, about 11 miles south of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Stolen were most of Barnett's personal belongings, household goods, books and sermons. Barnett said the thing he regrets most is the loss of his sermon notes and notes from his studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Most of the losses will be covered by insurance, Barnett said. Barnett and his family proceeded by car to Floyd, N. Y., where he has begun his work as pastor of the Floyd Baptist Church.

State Kindergarten-Day Care Workshop Set For June 18-19

A statewide Baptist Kindergarten-Day Care Workshop will be held at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson June 18-19, according to Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department, sponsor.

Directing the event will be Miss Carolyn Madison of Jackson who recently retired as associate in the department.

Dr. E. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College, will be the main speaker.

There will be four interest groups: The Preschool Child and Music led by Talmadge Butler of the Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; the preschool child and literature led by Miss Sybil Hanna, children's librarian, Jackson; the Preschool Child and His Art, led by Louis Walsh, Mississippi College, Clinton; Curriculum Planning for the Preschool Child, Dr. James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Jackson.

Leading the tours of church facilities will be Mrs. Dott Edwards, Day Care director and Mrs. Jane Stone, Kindergarten director.

Welcome will be extended by Bob McKee, director of religious education.

In order to save time, Mr. Cummings said, the host church has agreed to provide meals on Monday night and Tuesday at \$2.00 per meal.

Mr. Cummings urges those planning to attend to return the postal cards provided by June 1, including how many meals they will want so the church can plan accordingly.

Those attending will also need to

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Former State Man

Elmer D. Johnson

Book Store Manager

NASHVILLE (BP) — The son of former missionaries to Mexico has been named manager of the first bilingual Baptist Book Store, which will be opened in El Paso, Tex., in August. J. D. Dawson, currently manager of the Lubbock Baptist Book Store in Texas, will transfer to the El Paso store later this summer, according to V. L. McGlocklin, western stores department manager, Book Store Division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

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MasterControl

Father's Day Theme On Radio



Special Friends Join Carey Campaign

The William Carey College 1973 Development Campaign for \$1 million took another step toward success when the Special Friends organization activity was inaugurated with a luncheon at the College. The group is being headed by eight team leaders: Hollis Brown, Robert Duncan, Dr. Joe Ernest, Pete Mangum, Bill Mimms, Grady Sargent, Rev. Brooks Wester, and Gordon White, chairman. It is expected that more than 1000 of

the people of Hattiesburg will be contacted to ask their support of the current Carey campaign. Show above, seated from left, Sargent and Brown, and standing, Wester, Duncan, and Mimms. Dr. J. Ralph Noonester, the college president, reported to the group that almost \$700,000 has already been committed to the campaign. An all day telethon will be conducted by the college alumni on June 2, to secure participation of the all over the United States.

Portland, Oregon, will share honors with Father's Day in June when "MasterControl" spends part of the month featuring the beauties of the Northwest and part of the month deciding what fathers are made of. "Oregon is the site of the 1973 Southern Baptist Convention and we want to let some of the people who may attend the convention learn something about the area," observed "MasterControl" producer Charles Yates. The Oregon programs were on the

air the last week of May and the first week of June.

A special Father's Day program will be aired, beginning June 10.

Mark Taylor, who told "MasterControl" about his mother's influence on his life, will return to tell listeners about his father, Ken Taylor, who paraphrased "The Living Bible."

Also featured on Father's Day will be a commentary, "What Are Fathers Made Of?", by radio and television personality Paul Harvey.

"MasterControl" is a half-hour variety show.

One of four weekly radio programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission for public service broadcasting, it is heard weekly on more than 625 radio stations in the United States and 357 American Forces outlets around the world.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens is president of the Radio and Television Commission which is based in Fort Worth, Texas. Mississippi stations carrying MasterControl are as follows:

Laurel, WAML; McComb, WAPF; Vicksburg, WVM; Columbus, WMBC; Vicksburg, WQMV; Jackson, WSLI; Natchez, WNAT; Columbus, WMBC; Marks, WQMA; Gulfport, WROA; Aberdeen, WMPA;

Winona, WON; Gulfport, WROA; West Point, WROB; Philadelphia, WHOC; Ripley, WCSA; Hattiesburg, WFOR; Columbia, WFFF; Brookhaven, WJMB; Drew, WDRU.



Spending Clock

For the first time in history, there's a clock in Washington that shows the rate at which the Federal Government is spending your tax dollars.

It's called the Federal Spending Clock. It was built by and is located in the national headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

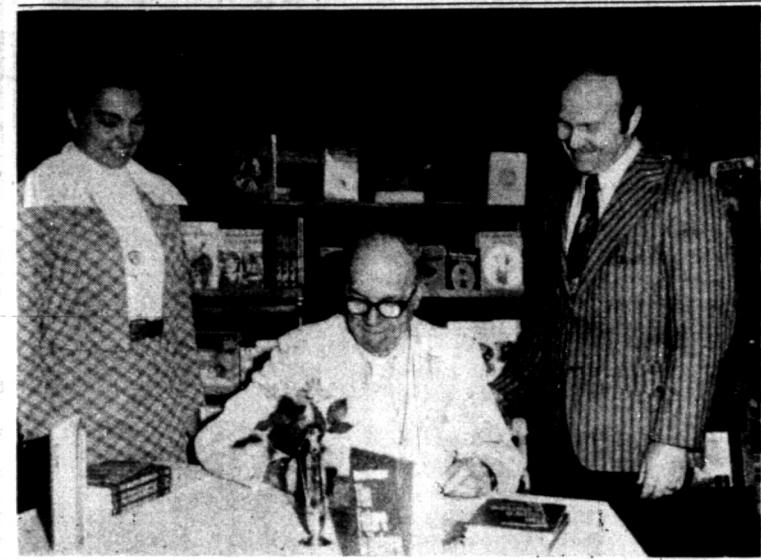
During the present fiscal year, which began July 1, 1972 and ends June 30, 1973, the Federal Government will spend approximately \$250 billion.

Each day, rapidly changing digital figures across the top of the clock indicate the Federal Government is disbursing approximately \$700 million in new expenditures.

Every 1.26 seconds a dial indicates the expenditure of another \$10,000, the average annual income of an American family. Every 12.6 seconds, a light flashes, indicating the Federal Government has spent another \$100,000. And every two minutes and six seconds, a "beep" is heard, signaling that the Federal Government has spent another million dollars.

Federal spending has increased more than 100% in the last 10 years—From \$11 billion in 1963 to \$250 billion in 1973. The Federal Government currently is spending more in 10 months than it spent between 1789 and 1942—the first 153 years of our Republic. Federal spending accounts currently for 20.6% of the gross national product.

Should the clock run at a faster or slower pace? In other words, should the Federal Government increase or reduce spending? That choice is up to you, the National Chamber declares with this recommendation: Let your Congressman and Senators know your views.



Cooper Autographs Copy of His New Book

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higgins of Newton are observing Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, author of the new book, "The Future Is Before Us," autograph the copy of the book just purchased by them. The scene took place at the Baptist Book Store in Jackson, which gave an autograph party in honor of Mr. Cooper, who is president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and which served to introduce his new book. Mr. Higgins is Director of Development at Clarke College.

Afghan Capital Orders Razing Of Church

NEW YORK (RNS)—The city of Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, has ordered the only Protestant church in the country demolished and is trying to oust an undetermined number of foreign church workers, according to reports reaching here. While reluctant to discuss the situation, a U.S. State Department official confirmed that Dr. J. Christie Wilson, pastor of the Community Christian church of Kabul, has been told to leave. It was not known on March 19 whether Dr. Wilson, a United Presbyterian working under independent sponsorship, had left Afghanistan, a Muslim nation. One unconfirmed report placed him in Pakistan.

Christian groups in Afghanistan are quite small. A small Roman Catholic chapel for Catholic diplomats and others was opened on the grounds of the Italian embassy in 1961. Anglicans hold house worship. Reports said that the initial request for permission to build was made by President Eisenhower on a 1959 visit to Afghanistan "as a reciprocal gesture of goodwill since a Muslim mosque had been built in Washington, D.C., shortly before."

Former State Man --

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"While Dawson lived in Mexico, he naturally learned to speak Spanish fluently," said McGlocklin. "He is also very familiar with Southern Baptist work and knows the book store business."

The black clergyman is a past-president of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and was pastor of Pilgrim Baptist church, the oldest and largest predominantly black church in St. Paul, Minn., for over 20 years before assuming his ministry in Los Angeles.

Other Baptist elections held in conjunction with the denomination's convention here resulted in the re-election of Mrs. James H. Burns of Alameda, Calif., as president of American Baptist Women for a second two-year term, and the election of Mrs. Calvin Hays of Falmouth, Maine, as president of the American Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship for a two-year term.

News About Missionaries

RICHMOND — After waiting more than two years, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harvey have been granted visas to begin Southern Baptist mission work in Mozambique, according to H. H. Cornell Goerner, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for West Africa.

TEMUCO, Chile — Two teachers were injured as fire threatened the newest building of the Baptist Acad-

Watergate --

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American history."

Wood observed: "No greater irony may be found in the Watergate affair than that it should have occurred during an administration that had used the theme of 'law and order' as one of its major means of gaining public confidence and political power. This disregard for personal compliance to a slogan used for the electorate is manifestly symptomatic of a lack of political morality in government."

State Kindergarten --

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make provision for their own overnight entertainment. Listed below, according to Mr. Cummings, are the motels nearest Broadmoor Church: Holiday Inn, Jackson Motor Hotel, Sheraton Motor Inn, Rodeway Inn, all on I-55 North; Holiday Inn Medical Center, and Admiral Benbow Inn, both on North State Street and Ramada Inn, Greymont Avenue.

AMERICANS UNITED QUASHES NEW HAMPSHIRE PAROCHIAL

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — A

(Americans United v. Pailes) that New Hampshire's dual enrollment arrangement between public and parochial schools "fosters an excessive government entanglement with religion." Holding that the U. S. Constitution creates "an unbridgeable chasm" between church and state, the court stated that this plan "places a public school physically in the middle... of a parochial school. Such a partnership—one might even call it a merger—requires a continual interaction of the two facilities, whatever their legal relationship."

Americans United challenged this arrangement as unconstitutional because it permitted the renting of classrooms from parochial schools by public school districts for the teaching of "secular" subjects, and for the furnishing of public school teachers for that purpose.

On September 13, 1972, the U. S. District Court struck down this plan as "constitutionally impermissible" government entanglement with religion. U. S. District Court Judge Hugh H. Bownes warned that the plan carried within itself "the seeds of community controversy and divisiveness along religious lines..."



Babies In The Spotlight At Petal-Harvey

Several special Sundays have highlighted recent services at Petal-Harvey church. A Sunday School campaign led to an average attendance of 412 and an addition of 32 new members. On Mother's Day, all the babies (above photo), as well as mothers, were recognized, and a plaque was presented to Mrs. Eddie Ander-

son in appreciation of 20 years of service in the Nursery Department of the church. Rev. Jerry Henderson is pastor; Rev. Toby Rowell is minister of education and music, and Mrs. Ruby Hatter is nursery coordinator.

Second In A Series

Baptists Play Equipping Role To "Indian-ize" SBC Missions

By Everett Hullum
and Sandy Simmons

WOUNDED KNEE, S. D. (BP) — During the recent American Indian Movement siege here, AIM President Vernon Bellecourt charged that Christian churches are more responsible for the plight of the American Indian than any other factor.

Now, more than ever, the future of Christian missions on Indian reservations is in question. Bellecourt and other AIM leaders blame many of the Indians' problems today on Christianity.

"They have stripped the native people of their religious identity and set about to destroy the Indian religion," he said. "The loss of religious identity is the root of the high alcoholic rate and suicide rate, and in fact the almost total cause of the poverty conditions of the Indian people in this country."

One of the biggest objections to Christian missions has been the "white" missionary coming in to convert the Indian to a "white man's religion."

In response to these charges, Southern Baptist missionaries among the Indians are playing on "equipping role," seeking not to "Americanize," but to "Indian-ize" Christian mission efforts.

Southern Baptists have 135 Indian-language missionaries, including three US-2ers and nine who serve with Eskimos in Alaska. Most of these missionaries work in Indian-populous Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico.

Of the 135, only a few are native Indians.

Frank Belvin, a Choctaw Indian who works as missionary in Oklahoma, is convinced that if Christianity is to take further root among the Indians, "it's going to be planted by Indians themselves."

However, lack of trained Indian laymen has hurt Indian missions. But missionaries are now seeing themselves in a different role.

To remedy its failure to attract native leadership, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board a few years back shifted to a policy of "equipping" Indian missions. Along with mission work to other ethnic groups, missionaries began — whenever and wherever possible — taking supportive roles, training lay leadership to

carry the responsibility of Christian outreach to its own people.

"I preach every Sunday," says Mississippi's Dolton Haggan, missionary with the Choctaws, "but preaching is not my primary role. My main objective is equipping. We work with the view of teaching and training preachers and laymen."

"My goal is to make the church self-sustaining," Haggan adds, "so that someday there'll be no mission here."

"I try to stay in the background," echoes Al Holman with the Papago tribe in Arizona. "It's the best way to let the indigenous people take over. If I went out to do everything, they'd let me. But it wouldn't get the work moving at all."

"We're just trying to work ourselves out of a job," adds John Mouser, who serves with the Apaches in northern Arizona.

Architect of the philosophy of "train others to lead" is the Board's Oscar Romo, a Mexican-American and the first member of an ethnic group to head the board's language missions department.

"We've learned the leaders must come from the people," stresses Romo. "When the leader has an understanding of the culture values and the psychology of the people, it makes him able to identify. He also lives among the people."

Lumbee Indian and missionary Tony Brewington agrees. "Because I'm an Indian, I've been able to do some things a white man might not have been able to accomplish," he says.

"Missionaries, especially Anglos, are serving more as catalysts today," continues Romo, "in an effort to develop indigenous churches."

Romo disagrees with the charges leveled by AIM President Bellecourt, pointing out that Christianity is not just a white man's religion, for God is the creator of all people, and that Baptists are diligently seeking to help Indians understand who they are in relationship to God and other people.

"The charge that Christianity contributes to alcoholism and suicide should be considered in the light of a worldwide problem of meaninglessness that sees drugs, alcoholism, and suicide with all people increasing," says Romo.

"The increased rates for these does not come with those who are Christians, but with those who have lost faith in the old religions and have nothing to replace it."

"For Mouser, who's worked with

the Apaches for 17 years, significant inroads are just now being made.

"A lot of the time," he said, "the men drift away, even after they're 'saved,' because of pressure from their friends."

"You're not one of us now," they'll be told by other Indians. "You're white now, you believe in the Bible and Christianity."

"The big problem in our mission work," Mouser adds, "has been our failure to attract men."

And attracting men is crucial, for Indian culture is strongly male-dominated. Any work built primarily on a missionary's presence or the attend-

ance of women and children is tenuous and almost certain to collapse under pressure.

The most precarious work, says Jack Comer with the Navajo, "is that work where we have both white and Indians in the congregation and the whites dominate."

But in light of the growing Indian-awareness, Comer adds, "we're going to get a good off-shoot because we've already shifted fears" in taking a more supportive role, becoming teachers, not doers.

"We'll be all right in most areas," he feels, "but where the missionary is still taking a more active and

personal role, there may be some trouble."

"I know it sounds terrible," admits Mrs. Barbara Mefford, who with her husband Richard has been working with Montana Cheyenne for seven years, "but we don't encourage whites to attend our church."

"We have some BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) people and some teachers who come, but we don't promote it among them. As bad as it sounds, it won't help make the church indigenous if they continue to come."

Although the church is no more Anglo-populated than several other reservation churches, Mrs. Mefford says it has been called the "white man's Church," a reputation she feels unfair and absolutely essential to overcome.

Among the missionaries who live closest to the Wounded Knee area, the Meffords have felt no effects from violence there, but are realistic enough to admit it could spill over to them at any time.

Nevertheless, she recognizes the uncertain status of their work and the fact that all whites are on Indian reservations as "guests" of the tribe — subject to expulsion at tribal demand.

Southern Baptist church buildings on reservations are also on land loaned by the tribe, usually under written agreements. With the white man's past record of treaty violations, it would not be surprising if Indians had learned the lessons of history well enough to void an agreement on occasion.

In the long run, however, it seems likely that the vision of people like Romo will at least buy SBC missionaries precious time. But how much is uncertain.

"No longer will it work for white man to come in trying to run things," says Brewington in North Carolina. "We've experienced this and it hasn't worked."

"A lot of whites have come in with the attitude to bring the Indian up to their level, with the presumption that their level is better than the Indian level. Then they pat themselves on the back and say, 'Look what I've done for the Indian people!'"

For Brewington, a Lumbee Indian, this doesn't make Christianity a white man's religion, to be rejected along with other white thought-patterns.

"Christianity has always been a part of our lives," he says, "so we Lumbees consider it our religion, our God, as much as the white man does."

"It is a mistake to think that Christianity is a white man's religion," says Wonder Johns, pastor of First Seminole Baptist Church on the Hollywood Reservation in Florida.

Johns practiced Seminole religion until he was 14 years old, then accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He directs the community action program of the Seminole tribe, which numbers about 1,300.

As for Christianity, it too has deteriorated, depressed and looked down on the "heathen" Indian. From early days, missionaries of all faiths believed they took Christianity and civilization — though not necessarily in that order — to pagans.

Indian religion was ignored, denied, but never studied.

"Our people hate to be called pagan," explains Mrs. Mefford, "and I don't blame them." Mrs. Mefford is one of a number of SBC mission

aries who have studied Indian religion and come away surprised at many of its concepts.

"Sweet Water is our (Cheyenne) giver of legends." Mrs. Mefford says, "and among the legends are ones of a flood and of a man with miraculous powers who fed many people with a small amount of food."

"It is as if God were revealing himself to these people through Sweet Water," Mrs. Mefford concludes.

The attitude of missionaries like Mrs. Mefford is a significant departure from traditional thought about Indians.

But some critics argue that it didn't come soon enough, and Christianity's failure to recognize basic truths in the Indian religion and build upon them — as Paul had done with the Greeks — is partly responsible for the growth of the Native American Church and other quasi-Christian movements among the Indians.

Mrs. Mefford confirms a "big push" for the Native American Church on the reservation at Lame Deer, where some leaders boast 80 per cent or more Indians belong to it.

Christian church people, too, have a chance to profit from Wounded Knee, but only if they hear the Indian's appeal for justice, self-reliance and economic improvement. And if they learn to "help preserve Indian culture and to rectify the inhuman treatment, inflicted upon Indians by white Christians in the past," says American Baptist Frank Sharr.

One thing is certain: yesterday's malignant neglect and maltreatment cannot continue without a rising crescendo of Wounded Knees. And with each such incident, Christian missions will be altered or affected in some way.

The success and future of Indian missions are as likely to be determined by foresight and insight today as by reaction when crises occur. Toward that goal the Home Mission Board has a good start. But will it be enough?

Ministers' Wives

To Hear Seminary

Theology Dean

PORTLAND (BP) — The 18th annual Conference of Ministers' Wives, meeting during the Southern Baptist Convention here on Tuesday, June 12, will hear an address by the dean of the School of Theology for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, William E. Hull of Florida.

The Ministers' Wives will meet at the Cosmopolitan Motor Hotel at Lloyd Center, only a few blocks from the Memorial Coliseum where the SBC sessions are slated. The luncheon is scheduled at 12:45 on Tuesday, June 12.

Presiding will be Mrs. Claud Bowen of Greensboro, N. C., whose husband is pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro.

Mrs. Bowen said tickets for the luncheon could be purchased in advance at the coliseum on Monday and Tuesday, June 11-12, or could be ordered in advance from Mrs. Gilbert Skaar, vice president of the organization, at P. O. Box 787, Shelton, Wash. 98584.



From left: Steve Stanford, Steve Epperson, Cooper, Stan Stanford (Brotherhood Commission Photo by Tim Fields)

Royal Ambassadors Interview Cooper

"Mr. Cooper, what does the president of the Southern Baptist Convention do?"

To 10-year-old Steve Stanford, that seemed like a good place to begin. It was something he thought 125,000 Crusader Royal Ambassadors would like to know.

Steve, his brother Stan, and Steve Epperson were representing all Crusader RAs as they interviewed SBC president Owen Cooper. All three boys attend the First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, where Cooper is a member.

Cooper's answers to the boys' ques-

Buddhist Monks Studying The Bible

VIENTIANE, Laos — Jerald W. Perrill, one of four missionaries in the relatively new mission field in Laos, is teaching a class on the life of Jesus to 10 to 15 Buddhist monks. The class was begun following a visit by Perrill and fellow missionary J. Murphy Terry to the Buddhist temple, Wat Ban Fay.

One of the monks there had written to the Lao Baptist Mission saying he had read about the life of Jesus in an American Bible Society newspaper. "I have been satisfying in the teachings of Jesus," he wrote. "I have never seen the paper like this before, but now I want to know the detail of it." Following the missionaries' first visit to the temple they were requested to come each day at noon for additional lessons.

The Perrills and the Terrys, who arrived in Laos in early 1971, have concentrated on language study during these first two years.

Don't stay away from church because it is not perfect — how lonely you would feel in a perfect church!



The Convention President Speaks

Morrison Heights To Celebrate 15th Anniversary

Members of Morrison Heights, Clinton, will celebrate the church's 15th anniversary on June 10. Special events will include a church social on June 9 and a special speaker for June 10 morning services.

Saturday afternoon, June 9, an all-church ice cream social will be held at the church. Historical displays concerning the church history will be in evidence.

Sunday morning, June 10, Dr. R. G. Lee will preach at both the 8:30 and the 11 a.m. services. The well-known Dr. Lee, now retired, was formerly pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis.

Morrison Heights Church was constituted the second Sunday in June, 1958. It began with 126 members, and now has approximately 1450 members.

Rev. Jack Butler, the first pastor, served five years (the church was without a pastor for about nine months in the beginning). Rev. Charles Gentry, present pastor, has been with the church for nine years.

The congregation is in the midst of a fifth building program. They currently are constructing an auditorium seating about 900, fellowship hall, kitchen, music suite, and 20 classrooms, expected to be ready for occupancy by October.

Scriptures Are Now Published In Record

NEW YORK — The number of languages and dialects in which the Scriptures have been published reached a record 1,500 in 1972.

Statistics compiled by the United Bible Societies show that since the invention of printing in the middle of the 15th century to Dec. 31, 1972, at least one complete book of the Bible has been printed, by various organizations, in 1,500 languages or dialects. The total reflects an increase of 43 in the language count over the previous year.

In 1972, they ranged from Apaali, which is spoken in Brazil, to Zongchar, spoken in Bhutan. Publishers included Bible Societies and eight other organizations.

Ekajuk, the 43rd new language, is spoken in Nigeria, and made its debut in the language count as a complete New Testament.

Broadman Commentary Coupon Redemption Deadline Near

NASHVILLE — The deadline for redeeming coupons for two free volumes of the Broadman Bible Commentary is June 30, according to Jim Edwards, manager of the Broadman trade sales department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Volumes 7 and 12 of the Broadman Bible Commentary, released June 1, 1972, may be obtained in exchange for nine coupons included in previously purchased volumes. Coupons may be redeemed at Baptist Book Stores or by sending the nine coupons to Broadman Trade Sales, Nashville, Tennessee.

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A number of qualified graduates are still available for positions as pastors, staff members, and other places of service and may be contacted through the office of Mr. Robert May, Church Work Consultant, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

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A Day Of Opportunity And Challenge

Has a day of opportunity come to Southern Baptists? A day of special challenge?

When we consider the world situation, the religious situation, and what has happened and is happening to Southern Baptists, it appears that God may be opening special doors to them. As they move toward their annual convention in Portland, it may be well for them to look at the world into which God has thrust them, and ask themselves the question, "Has God brought us to the kingdom for such an hour as this?" Look at that world, and then at Southern Baptists and see what you think.

Perhaps it would be difficult to find a time in recent history when there appeared to be larger need for strong spiritual leadership than right now. One can find himself disturbed by taking even a casual look at what is happening in the world. For years the nation, and even the world, has seemed to move from one crisis to another. At this moment problems of public morality, drugs, crime, sex, liquor and others almost overwhelm us. We also have an ecological crisis, with an energy shortage alarming the whole nation. Floods, tornadoes and other natural disasters, threaten to create food shortage, and hardly a home is not touched by inflation problems. People are confused, and are looking to leaders for clear direction. The churches and spiritual leaders are needed sorely in such a critical period.

The spiritual situation in the nation is not much better. Never has there been as much unrest, and as many disturbing signs in the religious realm. The wide consensus seems to be that religion in general is losing some of its influence in American life. Most major denominations, especially those which have espoused more liberal theological views, continue to report losses in churches and membership, decline of programs, and slow down in financial support. Division is threatening some groups, and internal disruption is hitting others. Almost the only exception among the major denominations is Southern Baptists, and while our denomination continues to grow, it also has some problems, as we shall see later.

At the same time smaller, conservative and fundamental groups report continued growth. Even cults show amazing health. The influence of the pentecostal movement is spreading beyond the confines of the Pentecostal churches, and creating disturbances in some other groups. Christian activities outside the organized churches also are showing marked growth, with youth movements leading the way.

Meanwhile, anti-Christian develop-

ments such as the Church of Satan, demonology, etc., continue to reach more and more people, especially youth. A secularism which completely ignores the church also has grown with pleasure seeking, business as usual on Sunday, and other activities, which develop a life-style which completely omits spiritual matters.

This does not mean that Americans are becoming completely non-religious, for this is not so, and religion still has a large part in American life. Nevertheless, there appears to be a growing secularism, and anti-Christian spirit in the land, which calls for the finest spiritual leadership now.

In the midst of all of this, as we saw last week, Southern Baptists continue to grow, and to enlarge their major programs. They are the largest evangelical group in America, with more than 12,000,000 reported members. They have nearly 35,000 churches scattered all across America. Their offerings last year for the first time passed \$1,000,000,000. While other larger denominations are curtailing their missionary programs, Southern Baptists are making plans for enlarging theirs. While for several years there have been slight decline in enrollment in several of the organizations, there are signs that the tide may be turning, and gains may once again be made. Evangelism continues to be a major emphasis in the convention, and last year the churches baptized the largest number in the convention's history.

This does not mean that the convention does not have problems, for it does, but they relate principally to liberal-conservative issues. Those who would try to ignore these issues, or "sweep them under the rug" simply are deceiving themselves, for they do exist, and they are creating tensions.

As long as some seminary and other professors, and some pastors, sincerely feel that they must present a more liberal view on Biblical inspiration than most conservatives approve, and as long as some feel that the convention must become more involved in "social action" than the majority want to be, the differences will continue. Those who favor what they call a "more progressive" attitude seem determined to have, while those who oppose any kind of "liberalism" in institutions and agencies, whether theological or in programs, are going to continue to stand for their position.

The formation of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship is an example of this determination to keep the convention in the conservative position where it always has stood. Those com-

prising this group are respected pastors and leaders, who love the convention, and who are determined that it shall remain free from the liberal control which has divided and weakened other denominations. They state that they have no intention of leaving the convention, or dividing it, but are going to work within the convention, simply to keep it in the conservative position where it always has been. We think there is nothing to fear from such a group as long as they have a positive purpose and program such as they have announced.

Despite the diversities and differences, and even the conflicts which appear from time to time, Southern Baptists are basically a united people, and are not having the divisive explosions which are plaguing some other groups. Leaders among Southern Baptists are wise enough to sense the spirit of the 90% of our people who are conservative, and they seek to walk in that conservative way. They well know that any other trend could be disastrous for us, even as it has been for others.

It is in these situations, that Southern Baptists assemble in Portland. And because of them, it well could be one of our most important meetings. If the spirit there is unity, and the convention sets its purpose to "launch out into the deep" for continued advance in its programs it can send back to the churches the message of moving forward and upward in kingdom affairs. If, while other groups struggle to stay alive, or to solve internal problems, southern Baptists hold tenaciously to the conservative position which has characterized them through their history; if they continue to be a Bible believing, Bible preaching people, with the Word of God at the very center of their whole program; if they resist the inroads of liberalism and refuse to allow it to gain control of institutions, of agencies, or of the convention itself; if they continue to major on evangelism, missions, church extension, Christian education, responsible social ministries, enrollment, and spiritual growth, then they will continue to be a people God can bless and use. Perhaps they can meet some of the world's needs in this day of trouble, and fill some of the spiritual vacuum which seems to have developed. This is not to say that Southern Baptists are the world's hope, for that is saying far too much, but we believe they are a people whom God wants to use right now.

On The MORAL SCENE...

ology are included, and each of these are divided into several fields. For example under theology, there are listings under the four headings — biblical, church history, doctrinal theology and ministry. Under these are listed dozens of books in the various fields. The individual seeking to check on his own reading and books which he should read will do well to secure this book.

UPON THIS ROCK by Roy L. Johnson (Interchurch Printing, Northwest Baptist Convention, 96 pp., paper, \$1.75).

The subtitle is "An Explanation of Church and Ordinances in the New Testament and Why so Many Denominations." The author studies the church established by the Lord, and shows that a church is an assembly of called out ones operating under the headship of Christ, proclaiming the gospel, baptizing believers, teaching and guiding them in all things Jesus commanded, and is "the pillar and ground of truth." He says that when individual leaders and congregations depart from the New Testament pattern of doctrine and practice, the essence of the gospel is changed or lost. The fallacy of the universal, invisible church concept is discussed and the reason for building modern ordinances, showing the form and purpose of baptism and then discusses the Lord's Supper, and defends close communion. This is a most readable book and presents a practical guide on what Baptist churches should seek to do today as they follow the New Testament.

ME BE LIKE JESUS by Leslie B. Flynn

Guidance for all those who seek the quality of Christlikeness.

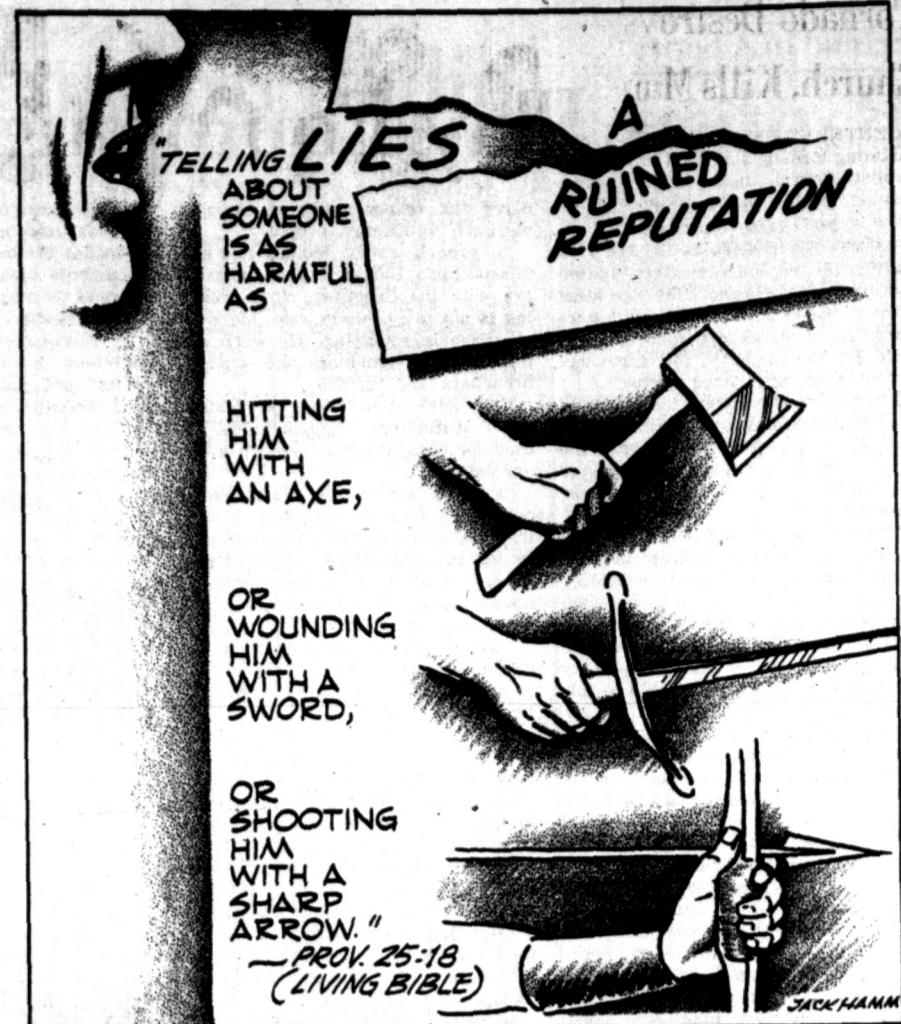
CREATIVE HANDCRAFTS by Eleanor Doan (Regal, paper, \$2.25, 111 pp.).

For Grades 1, 2, and 3, here are 97 creative handcrafts for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, weekday activities, Bible clubs, camping, or home.

TWO BY FOURS by Charles M. Schulz and Kenneth F. Hall (Keats Publishing Co., paper, 75c, 61 pp.).

"A sort of serious book about small children" by the author of "Peanuts." Includes

cartoons and text designed to help parents, grandparents, and other adults understand the small child, particularly as he relates to the church.



In A Day Of Verbal Assassination



A Woman's World Reaches Far
Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

There must be a million things to say to a person who has just seen a hammer which was poised in the air aimed at her world begin its lightning - swift plunge and has stood blinking in its shattered aftermath. There surely must be a million things to say. But I never can think of a one of them. Can you?

Scarcely a week passes without someone care about finding himself or herself in just such a sad situation, and I find myself as tongue - tied this week as I was last week. Sometimes I succumb to the easy way out and remain tongue - tied, never letting the person know I care. When I do this, I misbehave as a Christian, for the scripture clearly tells me, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Remember all the burdens Jesus talked about people having? And remember how He said if we helped anyone with food, drink, companionship, comfort, and the like that we had helped Him?

Bearing somebody's burden surely doesn't begin with ignoring the existence of both the burden and the one who has the burden. It's a bit difficult to pick up and help to carry a burden if you don't know something of its presence, location, and weight.

But it isn't always necessary to get your tongue untied. When you're going to help someone carry something, you don't always have to say, "Here, let me help you carry that."

You can just quietly go and pick up the heavy end without saying a word.

EDUCATION...what's happening

A survey conducted by the College Placement Council showed that starting salaries for last year's June graduates, despite continuing inflationary trends, rose only about 2 percent over 1971's levels. This contrasts with the 5 to 7 percent annual increases that were common in the late sixties.

A survey of employers, however, found 47,800 openings in the spring of 1972, compared with 45,000 a year before a 6 percent increase.

Other findings:

—The top average starting salaries for men and women in the same fields usually were not equal. For example, male accounting graduates averaged \$854 per month; female, \$829.

—At the master's degree level the most openings in the highest average salaries were for those in business administration. Starting salaries range from \$1,057 to \$1,029 per month.

—At the Ph.D. level electrical engineers received the highest starting salaries — an average of \$1,439 per month.

—The largest salary increase for women was in communications — up 7.6 percent — but the number of graduates in the field was small.

—Employers reported that they had hired or planned to hire 4 percent more bachelor's degree holders than last year, 13 percent more master's recipients, and 25 percent more holders of doctorates.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

An Open Letter To Southern Baptists

Dear Friends:

The Middle East pressure cooker has popped again! Mounting tensions, outside pressures and inner conflicts blew it, and this time little Lebanon is the victim.

Her recent war is similar to Jordan's government vs. commando war in 1970.

Our family lives in Jordan — all of us, that is, except Miriam, our 15 - year - old daughter who is in boarding school in Beirut. With no telephone connections from our town to Beirut, no mail, no planes, no boats and no roads open, the little country of Lebanon and our daughter are like an unaccessible, unreachable island suspended in an unreal vacuum.

Someday, we tell ourselves, reality will return and communications will be restored. Until then, is our daughter in danger? Is she frightened? Is she hysterical? Is she exercising her faith in Christ? Is she calm?

Having been through two other wars, what effect will these experiences have on her life? What about the 30 other girls in her dormitory?

We travel to a city 60 miles away, and place a long distance telephone call. After waiting hours, the line is opened and the operator says, "You may talk three minutes." It takes 2 1/2 minutes for her to be located and get to the phone.

The operator extends the time and we talk again — for who knows when we may talk again? It seems a miracle to hear her voice.

"I'm fine," she says with assurance. "Yes, we may be evacuated. We've been told to be ready to leave on an hour's notice. We'll be taken to another country, and continue our studies there. Everything is all right."

Another country! Is it better for her to go to a country farther away or to stay in Lebanon with curfews, kidnappings, violence, hatred, bombings, refugee camps, and ambulances racing through tomb-like streets with wounded and dying. Oh, please, cease fire!

Across the city from our daughter is a friend who stayed three days in 1970 with his family on their hall floor in Jordan while death and destruction raged in the streets and surrounded their home. Now he is within earshot of the bombs, closer to the fighting. How is it with him?

A few blocks farther away is a family of five who listened to strafing bullets rain on their Amman, Jordan rooftop; who evacuated Jordan in June 1967, and again three years later. How is it with them?

In times like this, only the Holy Spirit of God can preserve sanity and give peace.

For we are not fighting against human beings, but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of the dark age. . . Stand ready. . . Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason, keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people. (Ephesians 6:12-18 Good News for Modern Man)

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Tornado Destroys Church, Kills Man

CENTERVILLE, Ala. (BP)—A devastating tornado slammed into Brent Baptist Church near here Sunday evening just minutes before the worship service was to begin, killing one man, hospitalizing four, but sparing the lives of more than 100 others due to the quick actions of the church's pastor and youth choir director.

According to Arthur Walker, vice president of Samford University in Birmingham and interim pastor of the church, it was nothing less than a miracle that the entire congregation was not killed.

The nightmarish experience began just as Church Training was dismissing. As members of the congregation began making their way from their departments, the electrical power went off. However, a special service honoring high school seniors had been planned so the choir assembled and the people began filing into the auditorium.

The youth choir left the darkened choir room and gathered outside a side entrance to the auditorium for a last minute rehearsal. Suddenly the choir's director, Jerry Pow, commanded the choir to be quiet. He heard a roar.

Pow told the choir to get in the basement and ran to the front of the church to warn of the approaching tornado. Walker rushed into the auditorium and urged the congregation to assembly in the basement as rapidly as possible. Within seconds the fierce tornado had leveled the auditorium sparing only the front entrance and steeple. Minutes later the entire town of Brent lay in rubble.

Andrew Mitchell, reportedly in mid-sixties and with poor eyesight, was crushed to death when a wall caved in on him. He was just a few feet from the basement stairway. Another man narrowly escaped death and suffered a broken shoulder and collar bone.

First, Holly Springs Calls New Pastor

Rev. Tommy Tutor has assumed his duties as pastor of First Church, Holly Springs. Born in Pontotoc, he attended Clarke College one year, and graduated from Union University, Jackson, Tennessee and Southwestern Seminary. His last pastorate was Rugby Hills in Memphis.

Activity in denominational service includes serving as President Mr. Tutor of an associational Pastors' Conference in Tennessee. Mr. Tutor has traveled in Germany, Turkey, Lebanon, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Japan. He has preached and visited Southern Baptist mission work in many of these areas.

He is married and has one daughter, Paulette. Mrs. Tutor (Rose) attended Clarke College.

Douglas Reunion Pastors' Descendants

The annual Douglas family reunion will be held at Shiloh Church near Sontag, on Sunday June 19, beginning at 11 a.m.

The descendants of John Douglas, a 13-year-old Revolutionary War Drummer Boy, meet annually at Shiloh Church, where John's son, Elisha Douglas, was pastor from 1850 to 1880 and his son Elijah, was pastor from 1880 to 1889.

Dr. Mack R. Douglas, president of Beach Park Tower, Inc. and Cape Coral Gardens, Inc., of Cape Coral, Florida and president of the Douglas Clan announces the program, which will include the morning service, with the Shiloh members, dinner at noon and an afternoon program.



Baptized At Age 72

Rev. John Russell, right, pastor recently baptized Jefferson Darins Crawford, left. Pastor Russell reports that Mr. Crawford was saved a few years ago, but after his acceptance of Christ as Lord was not baptized because of serious health problems that resulted in his having a pacemaker placed in his heart.

Mr. Crawford was born June 3, 1900. He is a veteran of World War I and has received his 50-year award from the American Legion. A former law enforcement officer, he is at 73 very active (he cuts the 3/4 acre church yard). He is an "outspoken and gentle witness for Christ."



Commencement exercises for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary were held June 1 at the Central Center in Jackson. In picture at left four leaders are seen just before program began, from left: Dr. A. I. Jones, dean of Central Center; Dr. T. B. Brown, seminary president; Miss Ellen Johnson, assistant to Dr. Brown; and Rev. Richard Brogan, director, Department of Work With National Baptists. In second photo the graduates are seen marching

In, in third picture Dr. Brown is seen giving a certificate to one of the graduates. In photo at right Rev. L. C. Wilcher, (center), National State Director of Christian Education for the seminary, who has taught at school longer than anyone else, is seen conferring with two graduates, Willie Lee Brown, (left) and Emeal Richards, both from Central Center.

Commencement Held June 1 At Mississippi Baptist Seminary

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

One hundred and sixty-two of them marched forward in their long black robes. June 1 with Thirtieth Annual Commencement Day at Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and graduates came from as far away as Gulfport and Ripley, Tupelo and Natchez. Some were as young as 18. Others were older than 60. Most were men, but many were women. One hundred and sixty-one were black. One was

phasize tithing and Christian giving."

With a broad smile, Dr. Brown shares his good news: "We hope in September to open as a Bible college, in the expectation that the school can be accredited within four more years. We are working hard to meet the requirements of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. The curriculum in the Bible College will include a Department of Bible and Theology, a Department of Education, and a Department of Church Vocations."

He readily admits that the seminary's needs and problems are many. Needs are more buildings, more space, better facilities, higher pay for teachers. One problem in the light of accreditation standards is the fact that almost all the students work and all commute, resulting in a student body as a whole that is "too old."

The accrediting organization wants the school to have more young college-age students and to have on-campus students. They suggest that the school recruit younger students and make the school a community type Bible college, something like BBI in Florida. A much larger campus would be needed for dormitory accommodations. The present building is already much overcrowded for classroom work, although only occupied since 1969.

Awards from the school's Division of Theology and Division of Christian Training included the Bachelor of Theology degree, Diploma in Religious Education, Junior College Diploma, English Bible Diploma, Sunday School Worker's Training Diploma, Diploma in Religious Education, Busy Pastor's Certificate, Christian Training Diploma, and Christian Training Certificate.

Thirty-one years ago Dr. Herbert L. Lang, black professor and preacher, gave birth to the idea of a unique "seminary on wheels" that would take the school to the students when the students could not come to the school. Now there are 35 centers branching out from Central Center in Jackson. No person is denied entrance to the seminary because of lack of previous training or because of race. Only one annual commencement service is held for all centers, and that is always at Jackson's Central Center on Delta Drive.

The seminary is maintained by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the Home Mission Board, SBC, the several National Baptist Conventions in Mississippi, and by designated gifts from churches, associations, and individuals. Half the trustees are black; half are white. Each extension center is directed by a dean and board of trustees. No tuition is charged, but a small registration fee is assessed for other courses. The school offers training in theology, missions, religious education, and Christian citizenship.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Department of Work with National Baptists, under the direction of Dr. Dick Brogan, works closely with the administrators of the seminary. However, the seminary is only one of the many phases of this department's work. Other areas will be treated in more detail in future articles in the Record.

This semester, Central Center alone has had over 300 enrolled. Among these were 20 women and 22 pastors. Most were from Hinds, Madison, and other nearby counties. The fourteen on the faculty included ten blacks and four whites.

Hours of classes are from 9 to 2 and from 5 to 10, allowing convenient times for two different groups—a day student body and a night student body.

Dr. Aron I. Jones has been dean of Central Center for six years. A native of Gulfport, he is a graduate of Jackson State, American Baptist College of the Bible in Nashville, and Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Not only does he teach English, Old Testament, Christian doctrine, and pastoral theology, but he is also a part-time graduate student at Jackson State, majoring in adult basic education. Not long ago he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Baltimore College of the Bible.

In Central Center, the office of the seminary's registrar adjoins that of the president. Dedicated, efficient Miss Ellen Johnson, registrar and executive assistant, has been on the administrative staff of the seminary for twenty years.

Dr. T. B. Brown was elected fourth president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary in 1970. (The first three were Dr. Lang, Dr. W. A. Keel, and Dr. W. P. Davis.) He enthusiastically says, "I think the seminary is meeting a great need in letting the black students we are serving could hardly find another such type of place to get involved in study, because they have to work to support themselves and would not otherwise have a chance to go to school. Many of the courses are practical courses on how to live at home and accept the responsibility of Christian in all walks of life.

"Raising their educational standards is helping them to be able to understand our government and to be able to participate and vote and be better citizens. We try to help them know how to use public facilities, how to use their money wisely, and to em-

phasize tithing and Christian giving."

enthusiastic about the courses that he wanted to take everything at once—and signed up for church history, church music, psychology, Old Testament, New Testament, and Christian doctrine!

Among the seminary's faithful faculty members, the one with the longest term of service is Rev. L. C. Wilcher. A teacher-evangelist, he is state director of Christian Education for the National Baptist Convention and has been on the seminary staff for sixteen years. In his religious education classes, his students at Central Center take a two-year course that includes 26 books.

Students, as well as the president and members of the faculty, speak well of the school. Mrs. Mariah Redmond, wife of Rev. Jessie Redmond, pastor of Mt. Nebo Church, is studying for the third year there, and took four subjects this semester. The mother of six children, she leads the young people's choir in her church. "If the seminary were not helping me, do you think I'd keep coming?" Probably not, with those six children to see about.

Versie Lee of Christian Hill Church, Foxworth, is BSU coordinator at Jackson State. In this, his first year at the seminary, he was so

different types of people." He underscores the fact that many pastors and religious leaders and leaders in public service have graduated from this seminary and are working in this state, in other states, and even in other countries.

Dr. Matthews has for twelve years been pastor of Shady Grove Church, Hinds County. He studied at Roger Williams in Memphis and has been studying for the Master's degree in social science, administration and education, at Jackson State. At the seminary he teaches evangelism and psychology.

Rev. James M. Porch, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Clinton, is one of the four white teachers on the seminary faculty. He has taught church history at Central Center for two years and at Brookhaven Center. one year. Mr. Porch says, "I consider my opportunity to teach for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary a privilege. My black brothers there are open to truth. They are inquisitive and searching. They are appreciative of their opportunity to study and I find it a challenge to share my studies in church history and black Baptist history with them."

"With dreaming and hoping and planning, we will meet our needs" Dr. Brown fully believes.

Names In The News



Billy R. Trotter, assistant professor of music at Mississippi College, has been invited to give an organ concert at the Southern Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists scheduled for Knoxville, Tenn., June 11-14. Trotter, official organist for the college, has been a member of the teaching faculty since 1965.

Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor, First Church, Pontotoc, will appear on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland on June 13. He will assist in making the report of the Baptist Sunday School Board. As Chairman of the Plans and Policies Committee of the Board, he will report to the Convention on the two matters which were referred by the 1972 Convention to the Sunday School Board trustees.

Rev. and Mrs. Bobby T. Hood, missionaries who have completed an emergency leave in the States, was scheduled to depart May 20 for Argentina (address: Bolanos 141, Buenos Aires, Argentina). Both are Mississippians.

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Foster, missionaries who have completed furlough in the States, were scheduled to arrive May 8 in the Philippines (address: 2444 Taft Ave., Manila, Philippines).

At the Annual Choir Awards Banquet at Forest Church, special awards were given to four youth who had earned five consecutive years of perfect attendance in choir. A trophy is given for perfect attendance and each year thereafter a block and riser is added to the original trophy. Those earning the five-year perfect attendance award are: left to right, Ronny Rawson, Ricky Rawson, Sheila Johnson and Jackie Ingle. James B. McElroy is minister of music, Mrs. George Webb, Children's Choir co-ordinator and Rev. Clyde B. Little, pastor.

David Raddin of Greenville has been named as the recipient of the Joe Thomas Odle Memorial Scholarship at Mississippi College for the 1973-74 school year. Dr. Charles W. Scott, dean of students and chairman of the Scholarship Committee, has announced. Raddin, son of Rev. and Mrs. Roy D. Raddin of Greenville, is a recent graduate of Washington High School and will enter Mississippi College in August. His is currently president of the Youth Council at the Second Baptist Church in Greenville where his father is pastor. The Joe Thomas Odle Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of the only son of Dr. and Mrs. Joe T. Odle of Jackson who died during his junior year at Mississippi College. Dr. Odle is editor of the BAPTIST RECORD. Provided by members of the Odle family, the scholarship is given annually to a member of the freshman class who has committed himself to a definite phase of specialized Christian service and who is considered to be the most promising ministerial student in the class.

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Carey Honorary Degree recipient, Dr. Van H. Hardin, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leakesville, chats with his wife, right, and Mrs. J. Ralph Noonester, wife of the president of William Carey College. The occasion was the senior reception at the president's home prior to the annual commencement on May 19 in which the Carey Board of Trustees honored Rev. Hardin with the doctor of divinity degree for outstanding service to the Lord, to Mississippi Baptist in general and to William Carey College in particular. Hardin was for many years a trustee of the Hattiesburg institution. He has also served as a trustee of Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to his pastorate at Leakesville, Rev. Hardin was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Moss Point.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. McElroy Jr., missionaries to Spain, have arrived for furlough in the States (address: 518 E. Olive St., Fort Collins, Colo. 80524).

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry G. Simon, missionaries, may now be addressed at Box 2671, Kampala, Uganda.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Williams, missionaries on medical leave from Jordan, may be addressed at 736-1/2 S. George, Petal, Miss. 39062.

Dr. and Mrs. John D. W. Watts, missionaries, may now be addressed at Redwood Cottage, Landour, Mussoorie, U.P., India.

First Church, Poplarville, announces that two of her young people have recently committed themselves to church-related vo-

at Pearl River Junior College committed himself to the ministry of music and is presently serving First Church, Baxterville. Kenneth Bilbo, student at University of Southern Mississippi, is committed to the pastoral ministry. Kenneth is available for supply work. His address is Rt. 3, Poplarville, 39470.

Both the pastor, Rev. Robert B. Barnes, and the minister of music and youth, J. D. Watson, highly recommend these two young men.

Annie Armstrong Offering Gifts Reach Total of \$348,676.24

The gifts to Home Missions Week of Prayer are listed through May 31 with 1658 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$348,675.24.

**Mt. Zion Indian Church Is Raising Funds
For Construction Of Much-Needed Building**

For Construction Of Much-Needed Building
Mt. Zion Indian Baptist Church church would be able to win the people

building program. The oldest of the Indian churches, Mt. Zion has been repaired over and over, and as the pastor, Rev. Thomas Nickey, says, "it seems that it is no longer capable of being repaired."

When he accepted the call as pastor in October, 1970, there were 12 to 15 members participating, but today there is an average of 75 in church membership, resident and non-resident, is 160."

The church needs a building which would include facilities for all departments in the educational program. Within the surrounding area are 85 Indian families, and the number is growing. Total population of Indians there is an average of 75 in church every Sunday. Also the young people are becoming more aware of their spiritual welfare, he reports.

Pastor Nickey says, "This is a rapidly growing town, and the population in the area is around 600.

weeks after the building program was launched in February, \$1,000 had been collected for the building fund. Members of the church have also

Pastor Nickey has visited other pastors and churches and many have asked what they could do to help. The church has set up a special bank account in the Carthage Bank, Carthage, Ms. Any association, church or individual who wishes to give may send the gift to the Carthage Bank, designated for the Mt. Zion Indian Baptist Church Building Project.

The Building Committee includes

Wilson, John Chitto, and Bessie Wilson.

Mr. Nickey says, "We feel that \$10,000 is impossible for this small

sus Christ we know that God is able to supply all our needs."

high school students, members of the youth choirs of Ruhama and Huffman Baptist churches here, have completed a concert tour of southern Spain. They gave performances in Baptist churches of Seville, Malaga and Madrid, where a second concert was done in connection with the local university. The group presented another program in the medical school of the University of Granada, in an area where Baptist work is just beginning.

**Blaylock Named Kentucky
Part-time Student Director**

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MIDDLETOWN, K.Y. (E.P.)

minister for several colleges in western Kentucky, has been named director of Baptist student work for Kentucky Baptist Convention, effective June 1.

Palestine Homecoming
Palestine Church, Simpson County, will observe Homecoming Day, June 24, beginning with worship service and singing at 11. Rev. Jerry McLendon, pastor, will be the speaker. Following lunch there will be singing and business meeting in the afternoon. The public is invited.

RUSSIANS JAIL FOUR BAPTISTS

were imprisoned by a Byelorussian people's court in a large-scale crack-

people's court in a large - scale crack-down on small religious groups.

Witnesses in Lithuania, Latvia and northwestern Russia.

All four Baptists sentenced were members of the "Initsiativni," according to Associated Press, which allegedly split in 1961 from the official church leadership, the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

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God Is Supreme, And Claims Supreme Devotion

By Clifton J. Allen
Exodus 20:3-6; Matthew 6:24-34;
James 4:7-8

The God whom we worship is the Creator of the universe and all that is in it. He is the Lord over all the earth. In the light of who God is, his first law for man could not be anything other than the First Commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The Second Commandment is really a part of the First — "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." On this basis we are to worship God and God alone. This truth was difficult for the Israelites to understand. They lived in a world of many gods. And yet the Lord was trying to reveal himself to his chosen people as the only true God, rightly claiming their supreme devotion. The truth is as difficult for moderns as it was for the ancients. The teaching of Jesus made this crystal clear in terms that apply pointedly to modern life. We need

to learn that friendship with the world is enmity with God.

The Lesson Explained

God FIRST (Ex. 20:3-5a) The most basic law given to Israel was that they should recognize the Lord as supreme. While the First Commandment did not specifically declare the existence of other gods or declare that God is the only God, it declared that no other god could be given first place in the hearts of God's people. The People of Israel, from their beginning with Abraham, had lived in a world marked by the worship of many gods. Faith in the true God was always under the pressure of the influence of idolatry. This commandment rested on the truth, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." He was the Lord who had chosen Israel, who had established his covenant with the people, who had redeemed them from bondage, who had pur-

posed that they should be for him "a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." As the covenant people they were under obligation to be true to their covenant Lord with fidelity and obedience and devotion.

The Second Commandment prohibits the worship of images. Actually, it prohibits creating an idol or image to be a means of representing God or serving as a means of worshiping God or taking the place of God. The Egyptians and the other ancient peoples identified their gods with parts of the physical universe, as the sun or moon or wind or fire or some animal, and made idols or images to represent the god. Such was utterly forbidden to the Israelites. They were not to try to restrict God to some part of the created order: he was himself the Creator.

GOD OR MAMMON (Matt. 6:24)

Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount gives us clear insight about the implications of the First

and Second Commandments. No slave could give himself completely to two masters. Likewise, no person can serve God and mammon at the same time. Whoever tries to do so will hate one and love the other, or he will give full devotion to one and despise the other. This illustrates perfectly the impossibility of giving unreserved devotion to God and mammon — it will be God or mammon. Mammon stands for money or material possessions, at least something of material or earthly nature. Jesus was impressing on his disciples and by his words he instructs us that there is the gravest danger in letting material values come first in life.

TRUST AND ALLEGIANCE (Matt. 6:25-33)

The meaning of Jesus' words, "Take no thought for your life," is, "Do not be anxious about your life." Jesus' teaching should not be interpreted to mean that we are not

to be concerned about food and clothing and a place in which to live. Provision is made for the birds. God's laws in nature make it possible for the birds of the field to grow and achieve beauty. God has given to man capacity to work, and he surely designs that through work man shall provide for himself and his family the things essential to physical well-being and constructive ministry to other persons. But man is not to put his trust in things, and he is not to be inordinately anxious about things. Instead, trust is to be put in God, whose fatherly care for us never fails. The Lord our God is a jealous God. He will not tolerate a rival. His jealousy is the zeal of his own nature rightly claiming our undivided and wholehearted love and trust and allegiance. His rule in our hearts is to be complete and his righteousness is to claim our deepest commitment.

Religious Heritage Award Granted Cox For Powerline

WASHINGTON (BP) — Religious Heritage of America has cited Claude Cox, producer in the radio department for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, for "creative excellence" in communicating American religious heritage to youth.

Cox, producer of the radio program Powerline syndicated by the SBC Radio-TV Commission, was one of four national award winners named by Religious Heritage of America to receive a national "Faith and Freedom Award" presented by the organization June 7 here.

More than 39 per cent of all traffic fatalities in 1970 were due to excessive speed according to a survey by The Travelers Insurance Companies. Speeding accounted for 17,700 persons killed and 988,000 injured.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Man's Flight From God

Isaiah 53:4-6; Hosea 11:1-7;

Romans 1:18-32

By Bill Duncan

The parable of the prodigal son has been described as the greatest short story ever written. In just a few lines it describes a young man's flight from a loving father. The story concludes with the wayward son who grew tired of running away. He came to himself and returned home.

People of every generation have seen themselves as running away from God. Man starts out dependent upon others and then turns in rebellion toward those who love him. If the father says cut your hair or wash your face, somehow the son wants to rebel. The truth is that man is a rebel until he comes to his senses. Maturity is the ability to accept one place in society without reaching the wrong way. When one can accept God's plan and teachings for one's own way of life, then he is beginning to live right. But man cannot continue to run from God.

James M. Barrie said, "The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he hoped to make it."

The sad thought comes to one's mind of Jonah who thought he could get away from God's direction by going in the wrong direction. Man cannot get away from God. God will be the same everywhere he goes.

Man Has Gone Astray

Isaiah 53:4-6

Man is like an old Greek temple whose ruins arouse our interest and admiration as we wonder what the temple might have been like. One could look at the ruins and see the lines that might have been. The columns are massive and the covering is beautiful.

It matters not what happens to man. The foundation of greatness is clearly seen. Man is great in the biblical view. The man might have been fallen and desolate, but still capable of redemption and restoration.

Every man chooses to turn against God, but God has provided for every man's redemption and restoration in Christ. We all identify with Adam as we turn and eat that which is forbidden or drink that which is forbidden.

When Charles Spurgeon was once being shown through the library of Trinity College, he stopped to admire a bust of Byron. The librarian said to him, "Stand here, sir and look at it." Spurgeon took the position indicated and looking upon the bust remarked, "what an intellectual countenance!"

"Come now," said the librarian, "and look at it from this side."

Spurgeon changed his position and looking on the statue from that viewpoint exclaimed, "What a demon! There stands a man who could defy the Deity!" He asked the librarian if the sculptor had secured this effect designedly.

"Yes," he replied, "he wished to picture the two characters, the two persons — the great, the grand, the almost supergenius that he possessed, and yet the enormous mass of sin

that was in his soul."

Man's Response To Love

Hos. 11:1-7

God's love is always extended, for this is his very nature, but his forgiveness is conditioned upon the attitude and response of man. God can forgive and he does when the conditions of forgiveness are met. God's justice was highly known. But Hosea magnified God's love.

Hosea used the experiences of the unfaithful wife to describe God's relationship to man. Sin separates. It separated Hosea and his wife. It separates Israel and God. No amount of culture or refinement can make it anything else. As Hosea's love went

Eddie Martin

Sermons Now

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Two Sermons by Evangelist Eddie Martin: Can A Saved Person Ever Be Lost? The Second Coming of Christ. (Long Play Records; sold by Author)

Evangelist Eddie Martin is widely known all across Mississippi as well as all over the Southern Baptist Convention, for he has preached in revivals all across the nation. Many feel that he is one of the most dynamic Bible believing, gospel preaching, soul loving evangelists of our day. Tens of thousands of persons have come to Christ under his ministry. Now friends have prevailed upon him to put two of his best sermons on records. The first one is "Can A Saved Person Ever Be Lost?" The preacher says "No!" and gives his reasons from the Scripture. This is an unanswerable message on the security of the believer. If you have any doubts about this doctrine which Baptists believe and teach, you will find assurance and help in defending the doctrine in this message. The second record is the sermon "The Second Coming of Christ." No Bible subject is of more interest among Christian people, and informed lost people right now than this glorious truth. The preacher presents the doctrine with Bible explanation of just how it will happen, what it will mean to the world, and signs that it may be near. The message challenges people to be ready for the world's greatest coming event. Copies of these two records sell at \$5.00 each. They may be ordered from Rev. Eddie Martin, 2036 Litz Pike, Lancaster, Pa. 17601. Send check or money order and the records will be sent postpaid.

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out to his wife so God yearned over his faithless people. Man rejects the love of God and turns to other gods which are not deity. They reject the true God for something that they invent and worship-idols. Yet, God has bound himself to them with strong cords of love. But still the people rebel.

Man's Tragic Consequences

Rom. 1:18-32

God is always revealing himself to man. He uses many ways and many signs. The revelation was best seen in Jesus Christ. Always God is wanting to show his love and purpose. The rejection of God's love caused mankind to be unthankful and very foolish. The heart of man grew worse and worse.

Finally, "God gave them up." When the people had rebelled so much, they became like animals. "Those who were made for God and who knew God became subservient to their lusts and sank lower than beasts." The tragic results was a mind that did not want to think about right or wrong.

The tragic consequences of man's flight from God found man like the prodigal son — helpless. No one can really say what man could have been. Man's rejection of love made him to be a sinner. But salvation is always available to sinful man.

Cemetery Association

To Meet At Unity

On June 10, the newly organized Cemetery Association will hold its first annual homecoming at Unity Church in Jefferson County.

Each one who has relatives buried in this Cemetery or is interested in the upkeep of same is invited. There will be a business meeting, with one service beginning at 10 a.m.; and dinner on the ground, with singing and fellowship in the afternoon.

"If you can't attend, your donation toward the upkeep of Cemetery will be highly appreciated," states Jean Beard, Secretary.

Temptations are certain to ring your doorbell; but it's your own fault if you ask them in to stay for dinner.

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Prospect (Perry): July 8 - 14; Homecoming Day on Sunday, July 8 with services at 11 and 2, and lunch at the church; Rev. Jack Stanley, pastor of West Salem, Greene County, evangelist; Rev. Dexter True, pastor; services during week at 7:30 p.m.

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Devotional

The Things That Matter

Like Friends — II Timothy 4:9-12; 19-21
By Tommy Baddley, Pastor, First, Brandon

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he spends much effort in instructing the young preacher in the godly way of ministering and leading. And, even when he begins to make personal requests at the conclusion of this epistle, he is still instructing. Teaching by his life rather than by his lips. In his personal requests, he bares his soul and shows the world "THE THINGS THAT MATTER."

The quickened pace and driving forces of this present age have created a society of "hermits." A man's (or woman's) social circle consists, all too often, of "the folks at the office" and the members of the family. Returning home each afternoon becomes a trip to security and serenity. Home, where we're the boss, and the demands made are ours, not those of someone else.

Friendship is kept on a very shallow and superficial level lest our "neighbors" see how "weak" and vulnerable we really are. Not often do we find the deep trust, love, and fidelity that we experienced as children. How tragic that our precious pride has robbed us of a prized possession — friends.

In these final days, imprisoned in Rome, awaiting the inevitable, no earthly power can take away Paul's love for his friends nor theirs for him. Limited by the confines of imprisonment, he is no longer able to continue his "work" of establishing, organizing and building up new groups of believers. And so his needs have changed. He desires the fellowship of friends made across the miles and across the years.

The situation has shown Paul that not everyone he considered friend was as faithful and loyal as he. Some forsook him in his hour of need.

A quick assessment of our circle of acquaintances might be startling. How many are friends? "Putting the shoe on the other foot," is likewise surprising. To how many people is our friendship extended? To what extent would you respond to a friend's plea?

In Paul's final request to gather his friends around him, can we not find a call, a challenge to return to true friendship? Truly, a friend is a "treasure laid up in heaven."



PRJC Burns Note On Student Center

The Baptist Student Union at Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville, recently burned the note on a house being used for a student center. (The house is across the street from the college.) Funds for the purchase came from the associations and the churches in the junior college district and from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Left to right are A. M. McBride, student director at P. R. C.; Ralph Winders, state student director; Robert B. Barnes, BSU pastor advisor (pastor, FBC, Poplarville); and Mack Davis, BSU president.



A Different Crop: 23 Growing Boys

Many ranchers have big families — more help with the chores. One ranch in Mesa, Wash. has 23 boys, but they didn't all start there.

They came from all over Washington and Oregon as wards of the courts to live at Baile Memorial Boys' Ranch, the Northwest Baptist Convention's home for pre-delinquents and orphans.

The ranch was a gift of Loen Baile, a local rancher who is not a Southern Baptist, but became convinced the Southern Baptist Convention could turn his dream of a boys' ranch into a reality.

A big but loving family from a total of 125 otherwise homeless and unloved boys. Top photo: Lee Jackson, a ranch "graduate," returns to help house-parent Joe Stephens feed the cattle which provide part of Baile's income. At bottom: Mrs. Hazel Kyser, a housemother, joins some of the boys for relaxing evening recreation. (Home Board photos by Don Rutledge)

Bilingual Book Store Opens In August

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists will open their first bilingual book store in El Paso, Tex., after several years research seeking to meet the needs of Spanish-speaking people in the United States. Steady growth in numbers of Spanish-speaking Baptists in the South-Southwest and the influx of Cubans in the Southeast has created the need for this type project, said W. O. Thomason, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division.

The paper will be sent within a few months and the Bibles will be produced within 18 months at the 300-year-old printing plant operated by the Church.

The selection of sites for crusades is increasingly difficult, he admitted. Last year he had to choose from 8,000 invitations to speak at conferences and conventions, as well as crusades.

The evangelist went to Atlanta from Jacksonville, Fla., where he was the commencement speaker at the Jacksonville University. The private institution awarded him an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

He will preach in Seoul, Korea, May 30 to June 3 before opening the Atlanta crusade.

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